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Letter dated 25 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the article published in the press concerning a statement by Mr. Kundi Pahyama, the Angolan Minister of Defence, claiming that Mr. Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the União Nacional Para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) is currently in Burkina Faso, I have the honour, on the instructions of my Government, to transmit a communiqué from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso categorically denying this assertion (see annex).

I request you to have this communiqué circulated as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) Michel **Kafando**
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 25 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The international press today reported a statement by the Angolan Minister of Defence claiming that Mr. Jonas Savimbi is currently in Burkina Faso.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs categorically denies this information and wishes to inform the international community that Mr. Savimbi is not in Burkina Faso and could not possibly be there because, in implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, he is prohibited from staying there.

Ouagadougou, 24 September 2001